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ROAD ACTIVITY
CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA
KRATIE PROVINCE, CAMBODIA

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD L-1860)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS ROAD ACTIVITY AND ASSOCIATED INSURGENT
ENCAMPMENTS LOCATED NEAR CAMBODIA ROUTE 131 AND THE CAMBODIA/SOUTH
VIETNAM BORDER.

2. BACKGROUND:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT CAMBODIA IS PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT
ROLE IN THE MOVEMENT OF MILITARY SUPPLIES FROM NORTH VIETNAM TO SOUTH
VIETNAM. IT HAS BEEN ADMITTED BY THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT AND CONFIRMED
BY U.S. FORCES THAT CAMBODIA IS USED AS A SOURCE OF SUPPLY, SANCTUARY,
AND POLITICAL COMFORT BY THE VIET CONG. IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THAT
CAMBODIAN TERRITORY HAS BEEN USED TO CONSTRUCT ROADS CONNECTING THE
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION COMPLEX IN LAOS WITH THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS OF
SOUTH VIETNAM. IMPORTANT VIET CONG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY MILITARY
FACILITIES, SUCH AS REST CAMPS, TRAINING AREAS, HOSPITALS, WORKSHOPS, AND
STORAGE DEPOTS, NOW OPERATE IN CAMBODIA. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE USE OF
CAMBODIA IS OF CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE TO THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS
AND THAT THEY RECEIVE SUPPLIES IN LARGE QUANTITY FROM AND VIA CAMBODIA.

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3. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS VEHICLE TRACKS

EXTENDING FROM ROUTE 131 AT 1207N 10638E (UTM XU787402) AND 1207N 10635E (UTM XU717400) SOUTH TO A SUSPECT INSURGENT ENCAMPMENT AT 1203N 10640E (BOUNDED BY UTM'S XU800332, XU 825274, AND XU800274). APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDINGS ARE OBSERVED WITHIN THE AREA AND NO DEFENSES ARE DISCERNIBLE.

FURTHER SOUTH THE VEHICULAR TRACKS TRAVERSE A SECOND AREA OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY THAT INCLUDES EXTENSIVE TRACK ACTIVITY AND SEVERAL PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDINGS AT UTM XU810280.

THE VEHICLE TRACKS TERMINATE FURTHER SOUTH AT THE LIMITS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETABILITY APPROXIMATELY 0.8 NM INSIDE THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AT 1158N 10640E (UTM XU817244).

A THIRD AREA OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED NORTH OF ROUTE 131 AT 1208N 10635E. THE AREA CONTAINS EXTENSIVE TRACK ACTIVITY AND APPROXIMATELY FOUR PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDINGS (NOT DEPICTED ON GRAPHIC).

PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] REVEALS A FOURTH AREA OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY CONTAINING EIGHT PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDINGS AT UTM XU800300 (NOT DEPICTED ON GRAPHIC).

4. REMARKS:

ALL FOUR OF THE ENCAMPMENTS ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING UTILIZED AS

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BIVOUAC/STORAGE AREAS. ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF GROUND SCARRING AND
TRAIL ACTIVITY IS EVIDENT THROUGHOUT THE GENERAL AREA.

EVIDENCE OF VEHICULAR TRACKING AND SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY
WAS FIRST OBSERVED AND IDENTIFIED ON [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ANALYTICAL COMPARISON OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY DATED AFTER
AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1966 REVEALS A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE, INDICATING AN
APPARENT INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF VEHICULAR ACTIVITY NEAR THE CAMBODIA/
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ALL UTM COORDINATES ARE TAKEN FROM AMS SERIES L7011, SHEET 6347 II AND
SERIES L701, SHEET 6346 IV.

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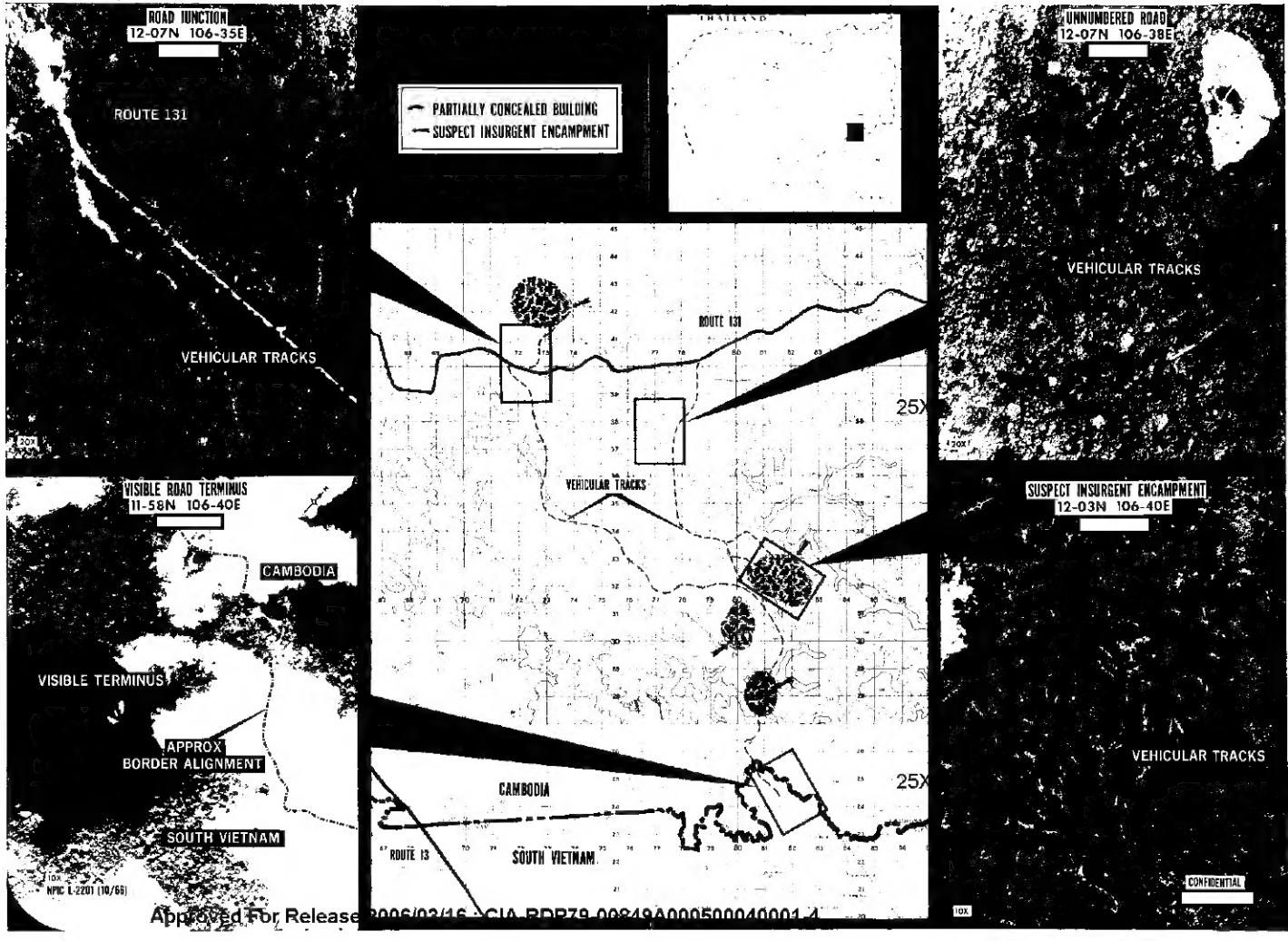
ROAD ACTIVITY

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